

Information about Murray City storm water utility and how it affects your bill

On July 1, 2006, Murray City implemented a storm water utility. Listed below is information about the storm water utility that you may be billed for.

Q. What is storm water utility?

A. A storm water utility is similar to other utilities such as electricity, water, and sewer.

Q. What does the storm water utility fund?

A. The storm water utility will pay for the costs associated with the collection and management of storm water before it reaches rivers and streams. The utility will also fund maintenance and operation of the City's storm water system as well as capital improvements to the system.

Q. Is there a fee for the storm water utility?

A. All developed properties in Murray City will be billed a fee for the storm water utility. The fee is calculated by determining the amount of impervious surface on the property. Impervious surfaces include roof tops, parking lots, sidewalks, and other areas that cause water to be directed to the City's storm water system.

Q. What is the fee for storm water utility?

A. The storm water utility fee is currently set at \$3.55 per month for each single family and duplex residential property. Non-single family and non-duplex residential properties will pay a multiple of this base rate according to the measured impervious area on the parcel.

Q. How often will I be billed for the storm water utility fee?

A. If you currently receive a monthly bill from Murray City for electricity, water, sewer and garbage collection, the storm water fee will be added to this bill. If you do not currently receive a monthly bill from Murray City, you will be billed every three months.

Q. Why did the City start a storm water utility?

A. A recent study of the City's storm water system identified nearly \$8 million of needed improvements. Without these drainage improvements, the existing storm water conditions may constitute a potential hazard to the health, safety and general welfare of the City, its residents and businesses unless effectively maintained, replaced, improved, operated, regulated and controlled. Furthermore, the City is required under Federal and State mandates to provide increased quantity and quality controls to mitigate the impacts of pollutants that may be discharged from the system into nearby rivers and streams. Without a funding source, the City is unable to make necessary improvements and maintain the storm water system.

Q. Is there something I can do to reduce the fee I am billed for?

A. A service fee credit, not to exceed 45% of the original fee amount imposed, may be applied for by **non single-family residential customers** for on-site mitigation, which either reduces the amount or improves the water quality of the storm runoff.

Q. How can I pay my bill?

A. The storm water utility bill, along with your other Murray City utility charges, can be paid by mail, in person at Murray City Hall (5025 S. State Street), or on-line at www.murray.utah.gov.

**For more information about the
storm water utility, please
contact the Murray City Public
Services Department at 270-2400.**



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